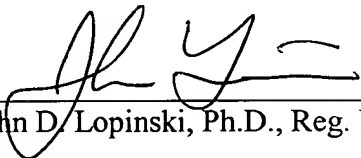


REMARKS

Applicants agree with the Examiner in that Claims 3 and 5 should list the status identifier "currently amended". Applicants have made the requisite modifications to the status identifiers for claims 3 and 5 accordingly. However, Applicants respectfully disagree that claims 6 and 10 require the "currently amended" status identifier. In support of this, Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to section 714 of the MPEP (at p700-192; February, 2003 edition). There it is indicated that (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #___) is an acceptable status identifier. Applicants point out that claims 6 and 10 are previously dependent claims that have been re-written to include only the limitations of the claim on which they originally depended. Thus, claims 6 and 10 have not changed in scope and are properly given the "re-presented - formerly dependent claim #" status identifier.

It is believed no fee is due with this Response. If a fee is due, please charge deposit account number 08-2442. If the Examiner has any questions, or if any information is needed to assist in expediting prosecution of the instant application, the undersigned attorney of record may be contacted at the number provided below.

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